

Deuteronomy 14 - Thursday, August 25th, 2011

(1) "You *are* the children of the LORD your God; you shall not cut yourselves nor shave the front of your head for the dead. (2) For you *are* a holy people to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples who *are* on the face of the earth.

- Moses tells them that they are not to cut themselves or shave themselves and imitate any of the practices of the Canaanite culture in that day.
- This is interesting for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that sadly, this practice of cutting oneself is alive and well in our day today.
- According to one source, it's estimated that in the U.S., some 2-3 million people exhibit some form of self-injury, cutting being the most common.